than famous, he had come to London to study the municipal laws of the kingdom , but when the labours of study seemed to him too heavy to be borne of an equal mmd he did, what now a great pait of the youth of England are wont to da who come to London to study, but frequent the presence chamber rather than the school It happened not long after the accession of Queen Eh/abeth to the throne, when there was much rejoicing, with merriment, shows, mummings and other childish exercises, that on the very birthday of Our Loid a comedy with the utmost show was presented in the Queen's hall in the name of the University by the students themselves On this occasion when many acquitted themselves very fairly, Christopher Hatton was thought to have excelled them all in beauty of person and grace of action, by which he so pleased the Queen that henceforward she always had him in the presence chamber, and promoted him through all the grades of honour to the very top, which is the Chancellorship , for first he was Captam of the Queen's Body-guard, then of the Bed-chamber, finally Chancellor

Of Cecil it is written that though he is Treasurer, guardian of the wards of nobles, and controls almost all things in England by his own judgment, yet he came of humble and obscure origin. For his father, whose name was David Cecil, served almost in the meanest rank in King's Wardrobe , his grandfather was one of the Guard of the King's Person, and kept a public tavern in the town of Stamford After spending some time in the study of letters at the University of Cambridge, where for a time he sought part of his living by tolling the bell in St John's College, at the beginning of the reign of King Edward the Sixth Cecil

insinuated himself into the household of the Duke of Somerset, the Protector

After thus running through the Lord Treasurer's life from his youth, this Philopater declareth though he would not deny that the Queen assented to the Proclamation (for which she would render her account to God), yet it was not of her own accord, but extorted from her by the importunity of others and especially by the fraud and importunity of Cecil, who is believed to be not only the instigator and procurer of the proclamation but even the writer, because as well as other offices which he has ambitiously grasped, he alone has usurped the office of Secretary after